

## **Fanny Allen**

In case you are wondering where the name for the Fanny Allen Campus of the UVM Medical Center came from, here is the story:

Frances (Fanny) Margaret Allen, daughter of Vermont's most famous Revolutionary War hero, Ethan Allen, was the inspiration for the founding of Fanny Allen Hospital in Colchester. She was the first woman born in Vermont to enter the order of the Religious Hospitaliers of St. Joseph at the Hotel Dieu ("Hotel of God"), the first hospital established in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Sadly, Tuberculosis took her life at only age 26, but her memory was preserved in the hearts of the women of her congregation in Montreal as well as in the hearts of many Vermonters who were inspired and converted to a deeper faith by Fanny's life's example.

Interestingly, Fanny Allen's body was not interred in the Colchester cemetery that bears her name, but beneath the chapel of Hotel Dieu in Montreal.

The former Fanny Allen Hospital is known today as the Fanny Allen Campus of the UVM Medical Center.

*Fanny Allen (1784-1810)*



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